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Councilors.

George R. Morehouse, William C. Cattell, William P. Tatham, Patterson DuBois.

Mr. Ingham proposed an amendment to the Laws to be considered at the next meeting.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, January 15, 1897.

Vice-President, Dr. PEPPER, in the Chair.

Present, 36 members.

The usual correspondence was submitted with the letters of envoy and of acknowledgment.

Accessions to the Library were reported.

The following Report was read on the part of the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund Committee :

The Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund Committee respectfully report, that they have found discrepancies existing between the published minutes of the Society of December 7 and 21, 1888, establishing the "Rules and Regulations" in reference to the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund, and other copies of the same printed in authorized form by the Society, one of these discrepancies presenting a serious embarrassment and hindrance to the effective administration of the Fund. They also find that an incorrect copy of said Rules and Regulations has been improperly included amongst the Laws of the Society in certain pamphlets called "Laws and Regulations of the Society," printed in 1890 and 1894.

They therefore recommend that the Society adopt the following resolutions ;

1. *Resolved*, That the Rules and Regulations adopted for the management of the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund as set forth in the circular officially issued by the Committee May 1, 1893, and published in No. 148, *Proceedings* of the Society, July, 1895, pages 174 and 175, are hereby established and adopted, viz. :

First. The Prize Endowment Fund shall be called the "Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund."

Second. The money constituting the Endowment Fund, viz., five thousand dollars, shall be invested by the Society in such securities as

may be recognized by the laws of Pennsylvania as proper for the investment of trust funds, and the evidences of such investment shall be made in the name of the Society as Trustee of the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund.

Third. The income arising from such investment shall be appropriated as follows :

(a) To making public advertisement of the prize, and the sum or amount in United States gold coin, and the terms on which it shall be awarded.

(b) To the payment of such prize or prizes as may from time to time be awarded by the Society for the best essay of real merit on the Science and Philosophy of Jurisprudence, and to the preparation of the certificate to be granted to the author of any successful essay.

Fourth. Competitors for the prize shall affix to their essays some motto or name (not the proper name of the author, however), and when the essay is forwarded to the Society, it shall be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing within the proper name of the author, and, on the outside thereof, the motto or name adopted for the essay.

Fifth. At a stated meeting of the Society, in pursuance of the advertisement, all essays received up to that time shall be referred to a Committee of Judges, to consist of five persons, who shall be selected by the Society from nomination of ten persons made by the Standing Committee on the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund.

Sixth. All essays may be written in English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish or Latin ; but, if in any language except English, must be accompanied by an English translation of the same.

Seventh. No treatise or essay shall be entitled to compete for the prize that has been already published or printed, or for which the author has received already any prize, or profit, or honor, of any nature whatsoever.

Eighth. All essays must be *clearly* and *legibly* written, and on one side of the paper only.

Ninth. The literary property of such essays shall be in their authors subject to the right of the Society to publish the crowned essay in its *Transactions* or *Proceedings*.

Tenth. A Standing Committee, to consist of five members appointed by the President, and *ex officio* the President and the Treasurer of the Society, shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society, and any vacancies that may occur in said Committee shall be filled by new appointment by the President.

Eleventh. The said Committee shall have charge of all matters connected with the management of this endowment and the investment of the same, and shall make such general rules for publishing the terms upon which said prize shall be competed for, and the amount of the said prize, and if it shall deem it expedient, designate the subjects for competing essays. It shall report annually to the Society, on the first Friday in December, all its transactions, with an account of the investment of the Prize Fund, and of the income and expenditures thereof.

2. *Resolved*, That any and all Rules and Regulations relating to the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund which appear in the printed minutes of the meetings of the American Philosophical Society of December 7 and 21, 1888, or other dates, be, and they are hereby, repealed so far as they are inconsistent with the Rules and Regulations herein contained.

The report was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the resolutions appended were adopted.

It was moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for Dr. G. H. Horn as Librarian for the year 1897. Adopted.

The Secretary reported the ballot cast, and Dr. Horn was declared unanimously elected Librarian for the ensuing year.

Mr. Price moved that Dr. Hays be elected Librarian *pro tem.*, to perform the duties of the office until the return of the Librarian. Unanimously adopted.

A paper by Samuel H. Scudder, entitled "The Species of the Genus *Melanoplus*," was read by title and referred to the Secretaries for action.

Mr. Mercer then read a paper on "The Fossil Sloth of the Big Bone Cave, Tennessee," which Prof. Cope and Mr. Cushing discussed.

Dr. Frazer presented a "Report of a recent visit to the Black Hills of South Dakota."

Mr. G. T. Bispham offered the following :

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Hon. George F. Edmunds, W. P. Tatham, Esq., W. A. Ingham, Esq., Samuel Dickson, Esq., and Richard L. Ashhurst, Esq., be appointed to consider and report whether any, and, if any, what amendments or alterations should be made in the laws of the Society.

Unanimously adopted.

Dr. Frazer moved that Mr. Ingham's proposed amendment to the Laws be referred to that committee. Seconded by Mr. Ingham, and unanimously adopted.

Prof. Cope moved that the President be authorized to appoint the Standing Committees for the current year, and that, with the view of increasing the interest of the membership in the work of the Society, it be respectfully sug-

gested, as far as is possible, not to duplicate the holding of official positions. Unanimously adopted.

The death of the following members was announced :

Dr. Theodore G. Wormley, of Philadelphia, on January 3, 1897, æt. 71 years.

Dr. William Henry Pancoast, of Philadelphia, on January 5, 1897, æt. 61 years.

The Society was then adjourned by the presiding officer.

THE SPECIES OF THE GENUS MELANOPLUS.

BY SAMUEL H. SCUDDER.

(Read January 15, 1897.)

In a memoir to be published by the United States National Museum I have described in detail all the species of *Melanoplus* known to me, whether new or old. As, however, some delay has occurred in the printing of that paper, I am permitted to give here a table for the determination of all the species and their distribution into series, following it with such portion of the synonymy (given in detail in the memoir referred to) as will enable one to understand the latest determinations made after careful study with abundant material.

The genus, it should be said, is characteristically American, and is widely disseminated. Some confusion has resulted in former times by not recognizing the dimorphism which occurs in this and the allied genera in the length of the organs of flight, a subject discussed at some length in my detailed memoir, where also will be found remarks on their geographical distribution.

Although the prime division in the table separates the macrop-
terous and brachyterous species, the same series and sometimes the same species may appear under both divisions, and the final arrangement of series following the table is independent of this distinction.

I have given the name of *furcula* to the processes of the last dorsal segment of the male abdomen.